

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Archival institutions collect, preserve, and make available records that document history for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas History Commission, created by the General Assembly in 1905, is responsible for collecting, housing and safeguarding some of our oldest documents, records and source materials related to Arkansas history and government; and

WHEREAS: The Commission continues the tradition of organizing and maintaining the state and local history of Arkansas by collecting manuscript materials, census records, military records, family histories and various county, state and federal records; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas additionally has numerous municipal, county, university and private archives that maintain valuable legal, administrative, fiscal and historical documents of the everyday lives and activities of our citizens; and

WHEREAS: Through these archives, every generation of Arkansans can study the history and learn from the experiences and accomplishments of our ancestors, while celebrating the unique past of our State; and

WHEREAS: With the theme “Documenting Arkansas,” Arkansas Archives Month celebrates the significance of Arkansas’s historical records, illuminates the many ways these records enrich our lives, and recognizes those who maintain them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 2015, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to discover the abundance of documentary treasures contained in our State’s archival repositories.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord 2015.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Asa Hutchinson".

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Attest

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Martin".

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State